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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

MONTARA WATER AND SANITARY DISTRICT,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY; DOW  
AGROSCIENCES, LLC; SHELL OIL COMPANY;  
SHELL CHEMICAL COMPANY; OLIN  
CORPORATION; WILBUR-ELLIS COMPANY; AND  
DOES 1 through 300, INCLUSIVE,

Defendants.

Case No. 05-cv-02480 JSW

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF RE  
CONTINUANCE OF INITIAL  
CASE MANAGEMENT  
CONFERENCE; DECLARATION  
OF TODD E. ROBINS; ORDER

Judge: Hon. Jeffrey S. White

**MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF INITIAL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD: Please take notice that, in accordance with Rule 7-11 of the Local Rules of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, Montara Water and Sanitary District, plaintiff in the above-captioned action, along with the City of Oceanside, City of Alhambra and City of Livingston – plaintiffs in *City of Oceanside v. The Dow Chemical Co.*, et al., Case No. 05-cv-02482 JSW; *City of Alhambra v. The Dow Chemical Co.*, et al., Case No. 05-cv-02595 JSW; and *City of Alhambra v. The Dow Chemical Co.*, et al., Case No. 05-cv-03262 JSW, respectively -- (collectively, "Plaintiffs") hereby move the Court for a brief continuance of the Initial Case Management Conferences in their cases, currently set for October 7, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., until after Plaintiffs' motions to remand to state court, which are also currently set for hearing on October 7, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., have been resolved.

This Motion for Administrative Relief is made on the following grounds:

1. Plaintiffs contend that their actions were improperly removed to federal court, and that this Court does not have subject matter jurisdiction over such actions. Accordingly, Plaintiffs have filed motions to remand their actions to state court.

2. The continuance sought herein will promote judicial economy and efficiency and avoid a potentially needless waste of the parties' time and resources.

3. The requested continuance is a brief one, and will not cause prejudice to any party.

This motion is made pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b) and is based upon this Notice, the attached points and authorities and Declaration of Todd E. Robins, the Court's files and records in this matter, and such other argument and evidence as the Court may consider.

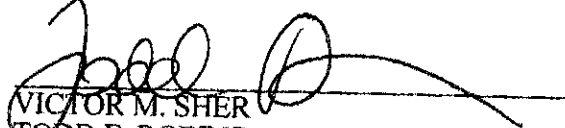
WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court: (1) continue the Initial Case Management Conferences in the above-referenced cases until after the Court has ruled on Plaintiffs' motions to remand; and (2) vacate all non-remand-related deadlines and other requirements established in Amended Clerk's Notice (filed August 9, 2005) in the *Montara* action and the Orders Setting Case Management Conference (filed August 9, 2005) in the *Alhambra* and *Oceanside* actions.

Respectfully submitted,

1 DATED: September 14, 2005

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